Charge to MTRB Over Next Year

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Immediate Needs

Elevate the value of research in the eyes of transportation agency leaders, government leaders, and the general public for addressing Michigan's transportation needs

Facilitate the conduct, dissemination, and evaluation of research that is effective in addressing Michigan's transportation needs

Main Task Over the Next Year

- Develop a report to the transportation agencies in Michigan outlining:
- Major transportation research needs
- Research problems that must be addressed to meet the needs
- Suggested improvements to make research more effective

Draft Outline of Report

- 1. Executive Summary
- 2. Introduction

Background on MTRB and its role

Rationale for transportation research

Constituencies

Research areas









Draft Outline of Report (Cont'd)

- 3. Major transportation needs in Michigan that research should address (categorize by research areas)
- 4. Research problems that must be undertaken to address major needs (list and describe by research areas, identify constituencies that should be involved in research process and funding agencies)

Draft Outline of Report (Cont'd)

5. Suggested improvements

Research process (identify roadblocks and suggest remedies)

Funding

Dissemination of research results

Implementation of research results

Public relations related to research

6. Conclusions

Report Development Timeline

- 1. June 8: MTRB committees established, subcommittees/research areas identified, subcommittee chairs appointed.
- 2. June 30: MTRB subcommittee chairs call subcommittee meetings for the end of August or early September.

Timeline (Cont'd)

3. End of August until December 2005: MTRB subcommittees meet to begin development of list of research problems and assessment of roadblocks. Final list and assessments submitted to MTRB Executive Committee (MTRBEC) by January 31, 2006.

Timeline (Cont'd)

- 4. Second MTRB meeting first week of December 2005: All subcommittees present results of their work and interact.
- 5. Subcommittees submit final list and assessments to MTRBEC by January 31, 2006.

Timeline (Cont'd)

- 6. Feb.-Mar. 2006: MTRBEC assembles draft final report. Draft report circulated for comment in early April. Comments due back by May 15, 2006.
- 7. May 15-June 15, 2006: MTRBEC finalizes report. Final report submitted to directors of major transportation agencies in Michigan by June 30, 2006.

Breakout Sessions

Three breakout sessions:

- Research sponsors
- Scientific and technical experts
- Transportation users and affected parties

Five set questions for breakout sessions. Moderators report back after breakouts.

Envisioned Standing Committees

- Research Needs Identification
- Research Implementation and Dissemination
- Research Management and Evaluation

Written Questions

- 1. What research areas/subcommittees of MTRB should be established?
- 2. How should Michigan's transportation research be funded?
- 3. Name agencies that are likely to fund transportation research in Michigan
- 4. Are you willing to serve on an MTRB subcommittee? As an officer?

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Questions and Comments?



